

ATMOSPHERES OF VIOLENCE

Art Exhibition 5–7 November, 12–6pm

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We live in a time when people are transforming the earth's climate, changing the skin of the planet through deforestation, dredging the seas and delving for metals and fuel.

Resistance to this systematic change is powerful and sometimes successful – and is violently repressed.

Across the world over the last 15 years, more than 1500 people have been killed because they took action to defend their lands, forests, rivers and environment.

Thousands more face criminalisation, threats, vilification and 'slow violence' – loss of the lands and conditions that they need to exist.

Their stories are diverse.

Some defenders choose to take on a life of activism, while others are forced into a desperate situation where they are fighting for their survival. Some are professionals, such as lawyers and journalists. Some are farmers, peasants, fishermen and women, or forest peoples.

On November 6th join us to learn more about the kinds of contexts in which this exhibition of work from Cambodia, Brazil and Bangladesh has been produced. Why do people fight in the face of such risk? What is being lost? And what can we do to support them?

We will be joined in person and via video message by defenders active in Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia and the UK. The discussion will be chaired by Maddy Ryle (The Democracy Center) & Dr Mary Menton, who leads the British Academy funded 'Atmospheres of Violence' research project at the University of Sussex.

Panel Discussion
6 November, 7 - 9.30pm

Register online here:

<https://onca.org.uk/event/atmospheres-of-violence/>

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